

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information processor comprising:

a situation acquiring means for acquiring  
situation information about a situation in which an  
5 operation has been performed;

a situation and operation storage means for  
storing the situation information acquired by the situation  
acquiring means and operation information about the  
operation performed then in an associated manner;

10 a situation comparing means for comparing a  
current situation information piece with situation  
information pieces stored in the situation and operation  
storage means;

a situation hierarchy storage means for storing  
15 at least the situation information acquired by the  
situation acquiring means in a hierarchical structure;

a broader concept searching means for searching  
for a broader concept common to two situation information  
pieces compared by the situation comparing means on a basis  
20 of the situation information of the hierarchical structure  
stored in the situation hierarchy storage means; and

an operation procedure executing means for  
executing an operation procedure according to an operation  
information piece stored in the situation and operation  
25 storage means on a basis of a result of the comparison by

the situation comparing means and a result of the search by the broader concept searching means.

2. The information processor as claimed in claim 1, comprising:

5 an operation adapting means for adapting an operation procedure to be executed by the operation procedure executing means to a current situation when as a result of the search by the broader concept searching means, a broader concept of a situation information piece  
10 on the current situation agrees with that of a situation information piece stored in the situation and operation storage means.

3. The information processor as claimed in claim 1, comprising:

15 a communication means for communicating with apparatuses that have their respective unique addresses, and

wherein the situation acquiring means acquires a unique address of an apparatus targeted for communications  
20 as a constituent element of the situation information via the communication means.

4. The information processor as claimed in claim 3, wherein,

when the unique address of the apparatus targeted  
25 for communications has been allocated by a server, the

situation acquiring means acquires an IP address of the server via the communication means.

5. The information processor as claimed in claim 1, comprising:

5 a situation and operation inputting means for specifying, by a user, situation information and operation information to be stored in the situation and operation storage means.

6. A portable terminal comprising the information  
10 processor as claimed in claim 1.

7. An information processing system comprising a server and a portable terminal to communicate with the server, wherein

the portable terminal comprises:

15 a situation acquiring means for acquiring situation information about a situation in which an operation has been performed;

a situation and operation storage means for storing the situation information acquired by the situation  
20 acquiring means and operation information about the operation performed then in an associated manner;

a situation comparing means for comparing a current situation information piece with situation information pieces stored in the situation and operation  
25 storage means; and

an operation procedure executing means for  
executing an operation procedure according to an operation  
information piece stored in the situation and operation  
storage means on a basis of a result of the comparison by  
5 the situation comparing means, and

the server comprises:

a situation hierarchy storage means for  
storing the situation information acquired by the situation  
acquiring means in a hierarchical structure; and

10 a broader concept searching means for  
searching for a broader concept common to two situation  
information pieces compared by the situation comparing  
means on a basis of the situation information of the  
hierarchical structure stored in the situation hierarchy  
15 storage means.

8. An information processing method comprising:

a situation acquiring step of acquiring a  
situation information piece about a situation in which an  
operation has been performed;

20 a situation and operation storage step of storing  
the situation information piece acquired in the situation  
acquiring step and an operation information piece about the  
operation performed in an associated manner;

a situation comparing step of comparing a current situation information piece with situation information pieces stored in the situation and operation storage step;

5 an operation procedure executing step of executing an operation procedure according to an operation information piece stored at the situation and operation storage step on a basis of a result of the comparison done in the situation comparing step;

10 a situation hierarchy storage step of storing the situation information pieces acquired by the situation acquiring means in a hierarchical structure;

15 a broader concept searching step of searching for a broader concept common to two situation information pieces compared in the situation comparing step on a basis of the situation information of the hierarchical structure stored in the situation hierarchy storage step.

9. An information processing program for enabling a computer to execute the information processing method as claimed in claim 8.

20 10. A computer-readable recording medium containing the information processing program as claimed in claim 9.